GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4094
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CONTROLLING PRICES OF SUGAR
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to control the prices of sugar;

(b) if so, whether levy obligation of fifteen percent imposed on sugar is likely to be withdrawn; and

(c) whether sugar is likely to be distributed to the weaker sections on subsidized rates after withdrawal of the levy on sugar?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION V.SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a),(b)&(c): Government is presently following the policy of partial control over sugar prices and supply. The levy obligation on sugar factories is 15% w.e.f. 1.2.2001. At present, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government to either withdraw the 15% levy obligation or to discontinue with the supply of sugar in the Public Distribution System.